MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how long it is since the matter is under the consideration of the Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The whole question of the reorganisation of the Veterinary Department and the establishment of veterinary hospitals is under the active consideration of the Government. The honourable member will remember that Government got down an expert Dr. Millen of the Allahabad Institute. He visited various localities, surveyed the position and has submitted a report.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether any steps are taken to prevent anthrax?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: What are the steps?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Itinerant Veterinary Inspectors have been appointed. They go about and take steps against the spread of the disease by giving protective inoculation.

Importation of cattle from British India.

122 * MR. K. M. PAUL (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any arrangement has been made with the Madras Government regarding the importation of cattle from British India?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The necessity of allotting a quota of cattle to the State from the Madras Province was pressed before the Combined Cattle Board set up by the Government of India and the Board has recommended that a monthly quota of 200 head of cattle should be allowed to the State.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know when this recommendation was made to the joint board.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: In September 1944.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know whether these recommendations were accepted?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The recommendation were accepted by the Joint Cattle Board and repeated pressure is being brought to bear upon the Government concerned.

PRESIDENT: We have been fully aware of the difficult cattle situation in the State. We have been attempting to get imports from the Madras Presidency and Mysore. Madras Presidency has difficulties because Mysore will not export to Madras. Therefore a joint board was appointed with Mysore, Travancore and Cochin as members and they have come to the unanimous agreement some months ago that 200 heads of cattle should be supplied per month to this State. Only the cattle have not come.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether any batch has been imported according to the agreement?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: You have just explained Sir, that the whole question is only in the recommendatory stage.

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PRESIDENT: After all, you see, these cattle can move from place to place only with the Central Government's co-operation. But anyway the Central Government and the various provincial Governments have all come to the unanimous conclusion that Travancore deserves the importation of 200 heads of cattle. It is one thing for the decision to be arrived at and another for the cattle to be actually moving.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: In the last Session we remember to have got the same reply from the Government. How long will it take the recommendation to be put into effect?

PRESIDENT: What does the honourable member suggest? Practically every week or fortnight The Government of India have been approached by us in regard to this and other urgent needs. Apparently the Government of India are not thoroughly convinced of our position.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I now the authority which issues permits regarding the importation of the cattle.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Madras Government.

Water Supply at Varkala.

123. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chief Engineer has submitted a scheme for water supply at Varkala from the springs inside the tunnel?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mepral Canal.

124. * **MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they had received about 4 years back a memorial from the people of Mepral, Tiruvella taluk for widening and deepening the Mepral canal; and

(*b*) what action they have taken in regard to it?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A detailed investigation was conducted and the nature of the work to be done was ascertained; but as the ryots benefited were not prepared to pay the cess under the Irrigation Act, nothing further could be done.

Irrigation works.

125. * **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amounts budgeted for irrigation works in 1119 and 1120 (i) in the whole State; and (ii) in the taluks of Muvattupuzha and Devicolam; and

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